



Shrewsbury Unitarian Church

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JANUARY 2025

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Services:

Sunday 5th January

TBC

Sunday 12th January

Rev Mark Hutchinson

Sunday 19th January

TBC

Sunday 26th January

Bronwen Taylor

Refreshments:

TBC

Debra

TBC

TBC

Follow Rev Sue Woolley's services here:

<https://www.midland-unitarian-association.org.uk/news-and-events/mua-news/>



Events:

Coffee and Chat every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm

Shrewsbury Food Hub Table every Tuesday from 9am

Wednesday 8th January – Congregation meal at La Piazzetta 12.30pm

Sunday 12th January – MUA Sustainability Audit session after the service

Thursday 16th January – Poetry Group – Theme 'The Sea' 10.30am – 12.30pm

Thursday 16th January - Old Times group – 2pm

Sunday 26th January – Trustees meeting

Friday 31st January – Letting the Light In concert

NO BOOK SALE IN JANUARY

Further information:

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Contributions to the Newsletter and News from the Pews are always welcome



Congregation Meal

Wednesday 8th January 2025 12.30pm
La Piazzetta, The Square



MUA Sustainability Audit

On Sunday 12th January after the service we will be holding a session for the MUA Sustainability Audit. Rev Mark Hutchinson will be joining us and would like to speak to as many of the congregation as possible. Please join us if you can.

The audit aims to assess the current position of each congregation around aspects of resources and programs. It aims to also review congregations' hopes for the future and aid them in drawing out areas of possibilities, mapping future needs.

The aim of the Sustainability Audit is to aid congregations in their decision-making process. It will also facilitate the work of the MUA to meet their objectives of offering support, advice, funding and training, where appropriate, for all the congregations of the MUA. This audit will enable each individual congregation to assess their needs going forward. But it will also allow for an accumulation of congregational information. This can then help the MUA meet their objectives of assessing the support and aid requirements. It can also help towards assessing any potential collaborative ministry that can assist the development of Unitarianism in the Midlands.



Old Times Group

In January we hope to start a new group in church on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the afternoon at 2pm called Old Times.

I have organised similar sessions in Craven Arms with a growing number of participants. At the end of each session of about an hour I suggest the topic for the following month and that seems to work. Would you like to give it a try?

So the first one will take place on Thursday 16th January at 2pm and the topic I suggest is

MY FIRST JOB

Hope to see you if not in January then maybe another time.

Happy 2025

Marlies



This is an amazing amount! This is from the 3 craft fayres, circle services and donations in the small change box. Thank you!

There are also copies of the SACH Annual Report available on the table at the back of the church.



*Providing holidays for disadvantaged children
regardless of race, religion or politics*

Thank you very much!

Shrewsbury Unitarian Church

raised

an amazing

£1440

for

Send a Child to Hucklow

in 2024

Send a Child to Hucklow : a charitable incorporated organisation : registration number 1189260

www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk



Letting the Light In concert

Friday 31st January 2025

6:45pm til 10:15pm (Performance starts 7:30pm)

Matters Unknown

Celestial blues, wrapped in contemporary afro-jazz grooves is how Jonathan Enser describes Matters Unknown.

[Tickets: Matters Unknown | Shrewsbury Unitarian Church Shrewsbury Fri 31 January 2025](#)



Humanists

Thursday 16th January 2024 Arrive 6.30pm for 7:00pm start

Speaker Meeting

HOT POTATO

An OPEN MIKE evening when anyone can talk for 7 minutes on anything – we only ask that it is something that fascinates you and then you fascinate us!

[Shropshire Humanists Events – Shropshire Humanists](#)



First Aiders

If anyone has a current first aid qualification and would be willing to be listed as a first aider in church please let Jenni know and send a copy of your certificate.

Thank you.



MUA

If you have any contributions for the next *Bits & Pieces*, please send them to Rev Sue Woolley, 5, Martins Road, Piddington, Northampton NN7 2DN or via e-mail to revsuewoolley@gmail.com
Thanks!

MU Now – Please send contributions for the January 2025 edition to Sue Woolley – ‘New Year, New Beginnings’. We would also like articles on local activities or with a local interest. Deadline Friday 10th January. Thank you.

